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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 7/26/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Charles "Bert" Deliberto  
Office: City Marshal, City Court, City of Hammond  
Parish: TANGIPAHOA  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: District

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 40-G  
Original Due Date: 1/14/2021  
Date Filed: 6/22/2021  
Activity Receipts: \$5,700.00  
Expenditures: \$23,152.75  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0.26

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2,000  
Days Late: 159  
Late Fee Order Received: 6/7/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 6/27/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 6/23/2021  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical - ATTACHED
- Financial
- Other

**COMMENTS:** Candidate faxed in his waiver request and states that on January 11, 2021 when preparing to file his 40-G report he fell ill which was later diagnosed as Covid 19. He was attempting to track down several missing addresses to ensure that the filing was complete when his symptoms began. The acute phase of the illness was particularly difficult for him and unfortunately the 1/14 deadline passed during this time. He said that after recovering from Covid, he erroneously believed he already filed the report in a timely manner. He states that he has a well documented post viral illness which includes problems with memory, cognition and many other neurological problems.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: YES  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

6/22/2021

To whom it may concern:

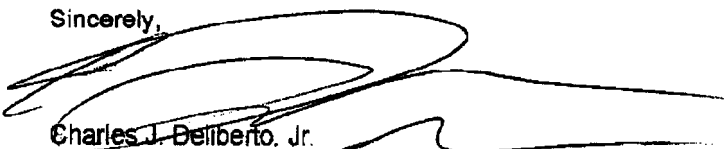
On January 11, 2021, while preparing to file my 40-G campaign finance disclosure report, I fell ill with what was later (January 19) diagnosed as COVID-19. I had been attempting to track down several missing addresses to ensure that the filing was complete when I started experiencing symptoms. The acute phase of the illness was particularly difficult for me, and unfortunately the January 14th filing deadline passed during this time.

After recovering from COVID-19, I erroneously believed that I had already filed the report in a timely manner as I fully intended to do prior to contracting the virus. Such an oversight would have been a near impossibility for myself a week prior, as I have a decades long history as a hardworking, conscientious public servant known for my diligence and attention to detail.

Regrettably, it appears that I am one of many COVID-19 "long haulers," a well-documented post viral phenomenon in which a chronic stage of the illness persists and includes problems with memory, cognition, and many other neurological complaints. Additionally, I lost my sense of taste and smell although, both senses have partially returned.

Given such an extraordinary and unprecedented circumstance, I am requesting a waiver of the penalty, and belatedly submitted the 40-G campaign finance disclosure report in its entirety.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles J. Deliberto, Jr.', is written over the printed name.

Charles J. Deliberto, Jr.

# FAX

TO:	Louisiana Ethics Adjudicatory Board	FROM:	Charles J. Deliberto, Jr.
FAX:	225-381-7271	FAX:	985-549-3982
PHONE:	225-219-5600	PHONE:	985-969-0038
SUBJECT:	Request for a waiver	DATE:	06-23-2020
COMMENTS: Please find my letter to request a waiver of late fee			



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June 25, 2021

Mr. Charles "Bert" Deliberto  
503 Joe Farris Dr.  
Hammond, LA 70403-3403

**RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2021**

Dear Mr. Deliberto:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 3, 2020 election. In the request, you stated that you had COVID-19 and persisted symptoms. If you would like the Board to consider your medical situation as a reason for the late filing, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **July 30, 2021**.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

**Melissa Horn**